



SHERMAN CRAIG
Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSALS TO CLASSIFY OR RECLASSIFY STATE LANDS

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP), adopted pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27), provides criteria for classifying State lands within the Adirondack Park according to their characteristics and capacity to withstand use; and

WHEREAS, the classification or reclassification of State lands amends the APSLMP, and APSLMP amendments must be approved by the Governor upon a recommendation by the Agency that is made in consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department); and

WHEREAS, the Agency has followed the 1979 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS) Guidelines for Amending the APSLMP and has consulted with the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department has acquired two parcels totaling an estimated 13,428 acres of land in Essex County, New York, known as the MacIntyre East Tract and MacIntyre West Tract (collectively, the “MacIntyre Tracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Agency proposes to classify the MacIntyre East Tract as Wilderness (4,446.55 acres), Primitive (8.26 acres) and Wild Forest (1,604.74 acres) and MacIntyre West Tract as Wilderness (7,365 acres) and Primitive (3.1 acres); and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Agency’s proposal to classify the MacIntyre Tracts is a Type I action pursuant to the FPEIS because it involves the classification of more than 5,000 acres of newly-acquired State lands; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2016, the Agency published SEQRA notice of a draft negative declaration that the proposed classification of the MacIntyre Tracts would not have a significant effect on the environment and provided an opportunity for public comment on the proposed classification of these tracts prior to finalization of the negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, Agency staff has prepared and the Agency has reviewed Parts I and II of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) for the proposed classification of the MacIntyre Tracts, as well a draft Part III of a FEAF that provides a rationale supporting a

determination that the classification would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the MacIntyre Tracts, the Agency proposes to classify or reclassify State lands in all twelve counties of the Adirondack Park including 30 classifications totaling 16,856 acres, 11 reclassifications totaling an estimated 132 acres and 56 classifications involving map corrections totaling 1,949 acres; and

WHEREAS, these additional classifications/reclassifications are Type II SEQRA actions pursuant to Part 586 of the Agency's rules, requiring no further SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the Agency accepted public comment on these proposed APSLMP classifications/reclassifications and the draft negative declaration for the MacIntyre Tracts from October 19, 2016 through December 30, 2016, including at public hearings held in Ray Brook, Northville, Newcomb, Schroon Lake, Rochester, Canton, Tomkins Cove and Albany; and

WHEREAS, THE Agency has considered the foregoing recitals, the descriptions and maps for all of these proposed classifications/reclassifications (including the MacIntyre Tracts), the FEAF for the MacIntyre Tracts, APA staff's February 1-2, 2018 presentation, public comment and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and Designees at the Agency's February 1-2, 2018 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agency has determined the proposed classification of the MacIntyre Tracts will result in no significant adverse impact on the environment based on the rationale provided in the draft FEAF Part III, and the Executive Director is accordingly directed to finalize Part III of the FEAF and to publish notice of the negative declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin and otherwise comply with the procedural requirements of 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a) and (b); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agency determines that all of these proposed classifications/reclassifications would classify the involved State lands according to their characteristics and capacity to withstand use based on the criteria set forth in the APSLMP, and recommends these classifications/reclassifications for approval by the Governor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Agency Chairman is authorized to forward these recommendations for classification and reclassification to the Governor for his approval.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions: